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AH, HE'S SUNG JINWOO, A HUNTER WHO RECENTLY BECAME AN S-RANK.

IS HE AN ASSASSIN-TYPE HUNTER?

BUT EVEN IF HE WERE, HIS PRESENCE CANNOT EASILY BE HIDDEN.

HE MUST BE QUITE AN EXCEPTIONAL ASSASSIN.

PARDON? HE'S A MAGE-TYPE HUNTER, SIR.

A MAGE-TYPE?
THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE...
IT'S BEEN OFFICIALLY CONFIRMED.

LOOK WHO'S HERE.
ISN'T THAT SUNG JINWOO, THE GUY WHO RUINED MINSUNG'S DEBUT?

SUNG JINWOO?
I KNEW IT... HE'S THE REASON THE AIR FELT DIFFERENT.

KEI, THAT HUNTER OVER THERE IS SOUTH KOREA'S 10TH S-RANK HUNTER.
DON'T TALK TO ME, ISHIDA.
I FEEL LIKE THROWING UP BECAUSE OF ALL THE S-RANKS GATHERED HERE.

I SEE THERE'S A SOUTH KOREAN HUNTER WITH A NOSE AS SENSITIVE AS MINE.
SHE'S ONLY USING A HANDKERCHIEF, THOUGH... SHE MUST BE A FEW TIERS BELOW ME.
IF I TRY AND STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION, WOULD SHE THINK I'M HITTING ON HER?
IF ONLY I HAD LEARNED SOME KOREAN BEFOREHAND...

POW
POW
POW
POW

THESE HUNTERS ARE CONSIDERED SOUTH KOREA'S STRONGEST?
THEY'RE MEDIOCRE AT BEST.
YOU THINK SO?
MR. GOTO, I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOUR RAIDS FROM THE SIDELINES FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW.
PERHAPS THIS IS THE REASON WHY I'M NO LONGER IMPRESSED BY S-RANKS.

I CAN'T SAY I AGREE WITH YOU.
THERE SEEMS TO BE ONE NOTABLE HUNTER OVER THERE.

CHA HAE-IN, WAS IT?
CHA HAE-IN AND GO GUNHEE. THESE TWO WOULD GIVE OUR BEST HUNTERS A RUN FOR THEIR MONEY.
OI, MISS INTERPRETER, WHAT'D YA SAY JUST NOW?

YA THINK THE SOUTH KOREAN HUNTERS ARE ALL MEDIOCRE?
DID YA THINK I WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND 'CAUSE YOU WERE SPEAKING IN JAPANESE?
I'LL HAVE YA KNOW THAT I LEARNED JAPANESE IN HIGH SCHOOL AS MY SECOND LANGUAGE.
GO GET 'EM, BOSS!
AND YOU ARE...?
THIS MAN RIGHT HERE IS THE GUILD MASTER OF THE KNIGHTS GUILD!

MR. PARK JONGSOO!

PARK JONGSOO (A-RANK)
GUILD MASTER OF THE KNIGHTS GUILD

PARK JONGSOO? I'VE NEVER HEARD OF YOU BEFORE...

W, WELL... MR. PARK IS AN A-RANK, NOT AN S-RANK, SO MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOU HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM!

OUR GUILD IS ONE OF THE FIVE MAJOR GUILDS IN SOUTH KOREA, THOUGH!

AND OUT OF ALL THE GUILDS, WE'VE RECRUITED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF A-RANK HUNTERS!

YOONTAE. THAT'S ENOUGH SHOWING OFF.

A SOUTH KOREAN A-RANK HUNTER.

A RAID HUNTER, HUH...?

WILL YOU BE JOINING THE RAID IN JEJU AS WELL?

I THOUGHT ONLY S-RANK HUNTERS WERE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE...

URGH...

HANEKAWA, WHAT ARE YOU ALL TALKING ABOUT RIGHT NOW?
MR. PARK IS ON THE DEFENSE TEAM! HE'S GONNA BE IN CHARGE OF BLOCKING OFF THE ISLAND!
HMM, THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR. CAN'T ASSIGN AN IMPORTANT TASK TO AN A-RANK.
HANEKAWA, IF YOU'RE BEING DISCOURTEOUS RIGHT NOW, PLEASE STOP.
KNOCK IT OFF, WILL YA? SHE'S JUST AN INTERPRETER TAGGIN' ALONG. WHAT WOULD SHE KNOW?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY ME?

MY NAME IS HANEKAWA AND I'M AN A-RANK HUNTER FROM JAPAN.

DON'T TELL ME YOU CAN'T TAKE ON A MERE INTERPRETER THAT'S SIMPLY "TAGGING ALONG."

FOR CHRIST'S SAKE. LOOK, MISS INTERPRETER.
ENOUGH WITH THE DISSING.

ARE YOU A NON-COMBATANT HUNTER?

A FIGHT BETWEEN A JAPANESE A-RANK HUNTER...
...AND A SOUTH KOREAN A-RANK HUNTER?

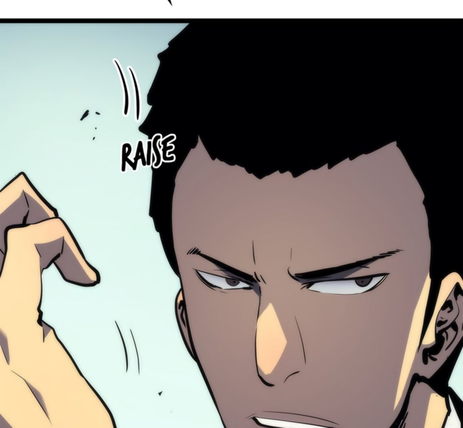
LOOKS LIKE THINGS ARE ABOUT TO GET INTERESTING.

...FINE, BUT LET'S LAY DOWN SOME RULES.

BETTER THAN JUST AIMLESSLY DUKIN' IT OUT, DON'T YA THINK?

THE RULES ARE SIMPLE.

THE FIRST PERSON TO GRAB THE OPPONENT'S WRIST WINS.



THE ONE
WHO GETS THEIR
WRIST CAUGHT
LOSES.

EVEN IF I GO IN THROWING PUNCHES AT HIM, THE FIGHT WILL BE OVER IF HE GRABS ME.

LOOKS LIKE I WON'T BE ABLE TO ATTACK RIGHT AWAY.

I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO PLAY MIND GAMES WITH EACH OTHER.

BY THE WAY,

YOU CALL THAT A READY STANCE?

DON'T YA WORRY, I'M NOT GONNA TAKE THIS HAND OUT UNLESS IT'S TO GRAB YOUR WRIST.

SO HE'S CONFIDENT IN HIS SPEED.

SWISH
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I'M GOING TO WIPE THAT PRETENTIOUS LOOK OFF HIS FACE!
SWOOSH

WHAM

OH, FOR THE RECORD, I DIDN'T HIT YA.
IT WAS JUST A LIL SHOVE.
YA KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING, RIGHT?

SORRY, BUT I'M HAVING A HARD TIME UNDERSTANDING YOUR ACCENT.

OH, AND YOU LOOK LAME TRYING TO ACT ALL COOL IN THOSE RIPPED PANTS.
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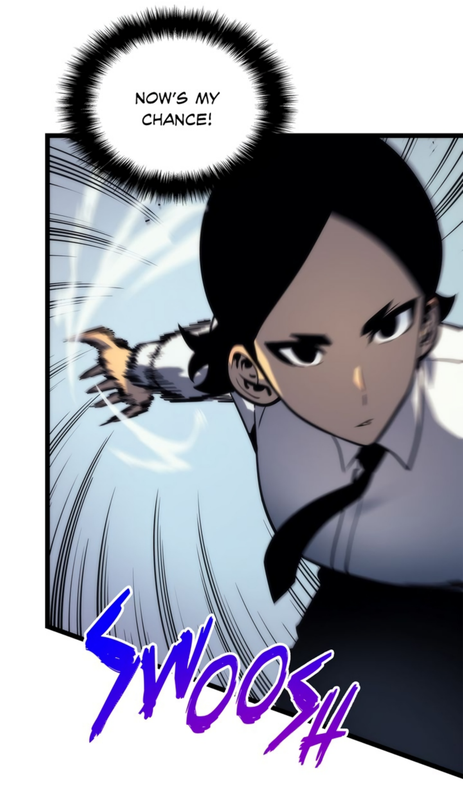
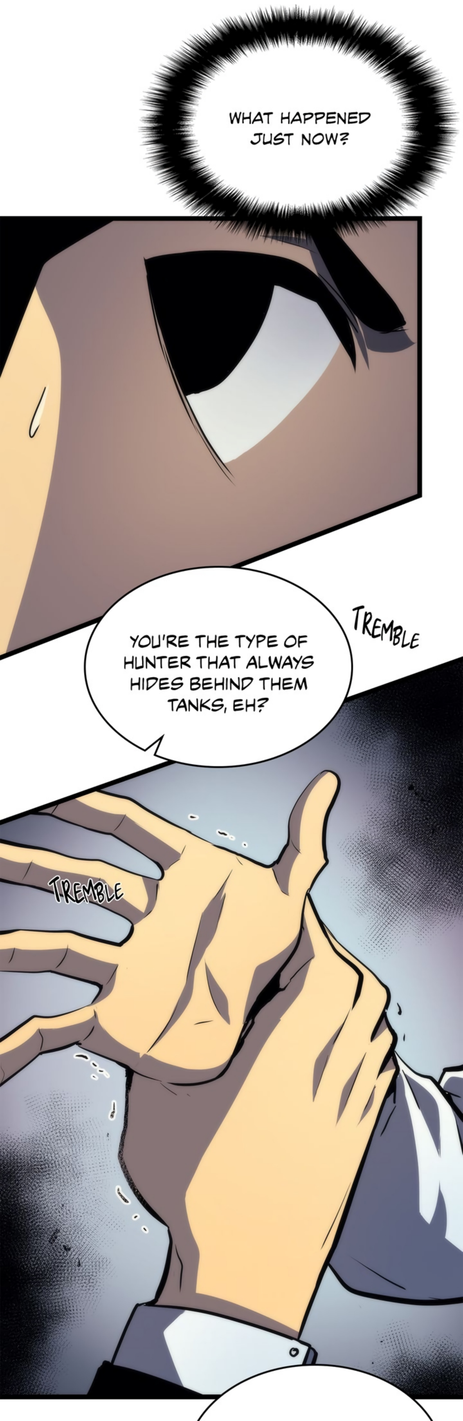

NOW'S MY CHANCE!
SWOOSH

TOO SLOW, MISS INTERPRETER.

GRAB.


WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW?
YOU'RE THE TYPE OF HUNTER THAT ALWAYS HIDES BEHIND THEM TANKS, EH?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

IT ALSO SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE GOT NO ONE-ON-ONE COMBAT EXPERIENCE.

HERE IN SOUTH KOREA, WE RUN INTO TROUBLEMAKERS EVERY NOW AND THEN,

WHICH MEANS WE SOMETIMES HAVE TO FIGHT OUR OWN KIND.

WHEN WORSE COMES TO WORST, WE EVEN GOTTA KILL 'EM SOMETIMES.

UNLIKE MAGIC BEASTS, THE WAY A HUMAN MOVES AIN'T SO SIMPLE, SO YOU'RE DEAD MEAT IF YOU CAN'T PREDICT YOUR OPPONENT'S NEXT MOVE.

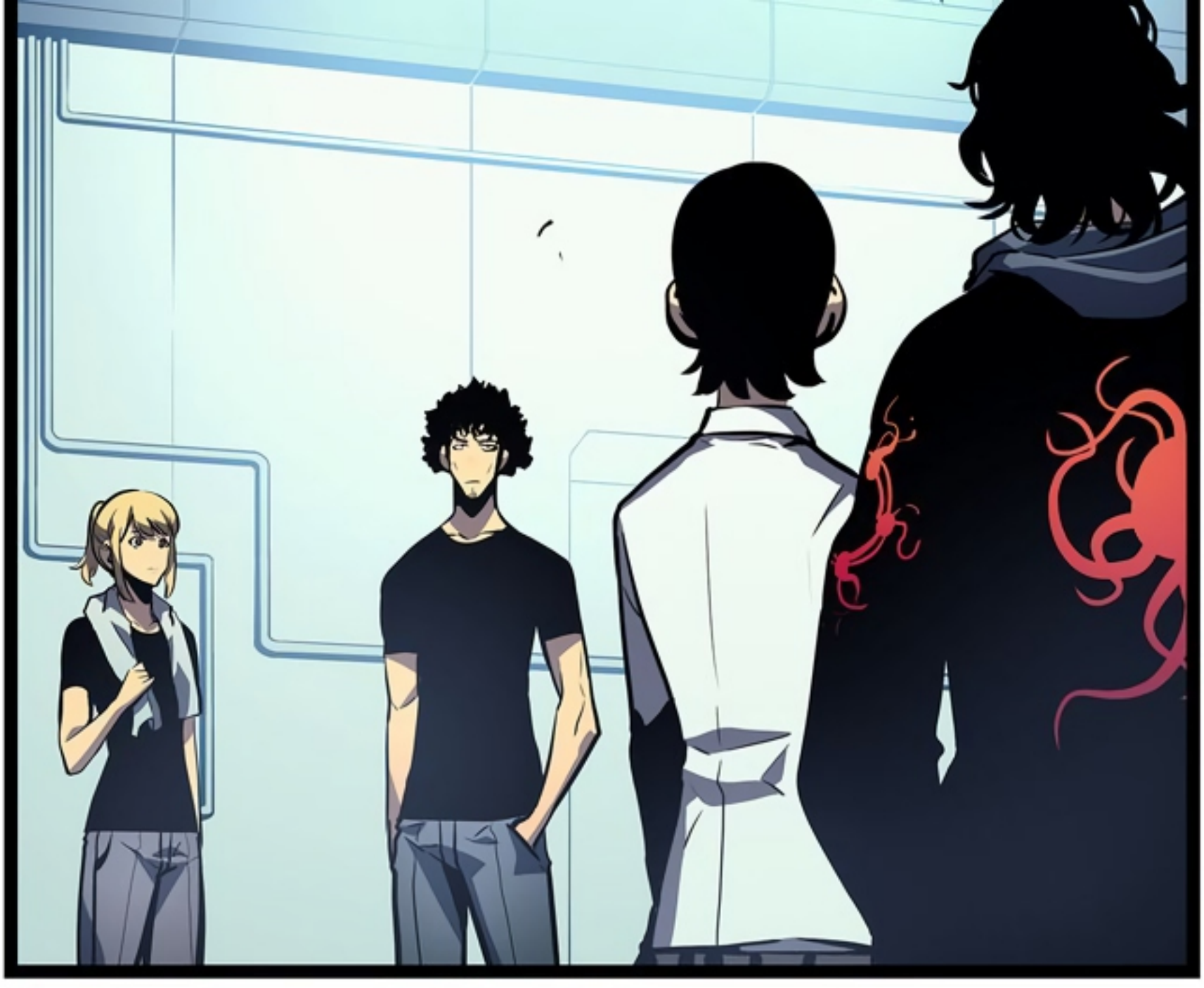
IF I WERE WIELDIN' A SWORD, I WOULD'VE SLICED YOUR THROAT, NOT YOUR WRIST.

...HMPH.

THANK YOU. WHAT AN EXCITING MATCH THAT WAS.

HANEKAWA, WOULD YOU PLEASE RELAY MY WORDS TO EVERYONE HERE?
AH, OF COURSE.

IN THE INTEREST OF BUILDING TRUST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, I HAVE A PROPOSAL FOR YOU.



WHAT DO YOU SAY WE HAVE OUR S-RANK HUNTERS...

...SPAR ONE ANOTHER ACCORDING TO THE RULES USED JUST NOW?

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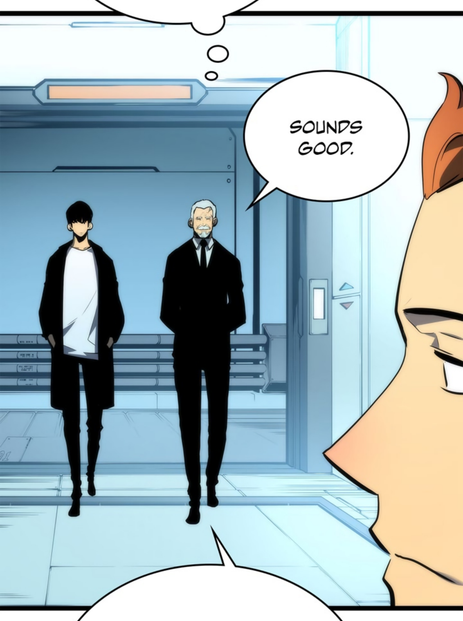
I GUESS HE WANTS TO SEE HOW STRONG WE ALL ARE.



HOWEVER, LET'S EXCLUDE THE MAGE-TYPE AND NON-COMBATANT HUNTERS, SINCE IT'D BE DIFFICULT TO TELL WHO WON.

LET'S ALSO ADD A FEW MORE RULES WHILE WE'RE AT IT.

YOU WIN IF YOU TOUCH YOUR OPPONENT'S WRIST OR BACK, OR IF YOU KNOCK THEM DOWN.

LET'S ALSO HAVE MULTIPLE HUNTERS GO AGAINST EACH OTHER, INSTEAD OF HAVING ONE-ON-ONE MATCHES.

So that means you can't pick and choose your opponent. How does that sound?

With these new rules, knocking out one person would be enough to turn the tides...

But then again, the assassin-type hunters would have too much of an advantage otherwise...

All right. Sounds good.

Korea will send out Baek Yoonho, Ma Dongwook, Cha Hae-In, and Lim Tae-Gyu.

WHO WILL PARTICIPATE FROM THE JAPANESE SIDE?

TANAKA KENZO,
HOSHINO MINORU,
KUMAMOTO ATSUSHI,
AND TAWATA
KANAE.
JAPAN
WILL SEND OUT
THESE FOUR
HUNTERS.

KNIGHTS

-A GUILD THAT IS ACTIVE IN THE YEONGNAM REGION.
-OUT OF SOUTH KOREA'S FIVE MAJOR GUILDS, THE KNIGHTS RANK FIFTH.
-ALTHOUGH THE GUILD MASTER IS NOT AN S-RANK, THE KNIGHTS HAVE RECRUITED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF A-RANK HUNTERS IN THE COUNTRY.

To Be Continued...

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